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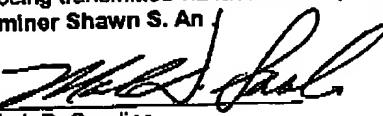
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Claims 1-24 are pending in the application and are subject to an election requirement.

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Applicants hereby elect the Species of Figure 1 without traverse. Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 10 and 13 are considered readable on the elected species.

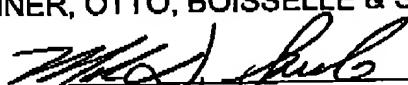
Claim 1 is considered generic with respect to one or more of the non-elected species.

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